

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

October 14, 2008
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mr. Reginald M. Turner
Ms. Casandra E. Ulbrich
Ms. Niya Hardin, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Revised Criteria for 21st Century Schools Grant – Revised to show criteria recommended by staff (last three criteria) (Item DD)
- B. Report on the Dissolution of the White Pine School District – Memorandum dated October 9, 2008 from Superintendent to the Board (Item KK)
- C. 2008-2009 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant – Initial (Item HH)
- D. 2008-2009 Title VI, Part B, Rural and Low Income School Program – Initial (Item II)

- E. 2008-2009 Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, Neglected and Delinquent Program for State Agencies – Initial (Item JJ)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Bernard “Bernie” H. Travnikar – added to agenda
- B. 2007-2008 Michigan After-School Partnership Grant – Initial – added to agenda
- C. 2008-2009 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant – Initial – added to agenda
- D. 2008-2009 Title VI, Part B, Rural and Low Income School Program – Initial – added to agenda
- E. 2008-2009 Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, Neglected and Delinquent Program for State Agencies – Initial – added to agenda
- F. Report on the Dissolution of the White Pine School District – Memorandum dated October 9, 2008 from Superintendent to the Board – added to agenda

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

Mr. Chuck Wilbur, Senior Advisor for Education and Communication, Governor Granholm’s Office, introduced Ms. Niya Hardin, Governor’s Education Policy Advisor. He said Niya most recently worked with the House Appropriations Committee, and prior to that she was on the House of Representatives staff as the education policy lead.

V. POINT OF THE DAY

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director of Communications, presented the Point of the Day which focused on the positive effects of school health programs.

Mr. Ackley introduced Ms. Amy Bianchi, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent School Health. Ms. Bianchi commended Michigan for its effective partnerships in school health programs. She distributed copies of the booklet "2008 Success Stories – Local, State, and Nongovernmental Organization Examples" that includes information on the MICHIANA School Health Leadership Institute, a partnership between Michigan and Indiana to support students in adopting healthy behaviors.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Flanagan said Mrs. Straus will receive the Distinguished Service Award at the National Association of State Boards of Education Conference on October 17. He said he, Board members, and staff are proud of her, and he regrets that he will be unable to attend due to a family commitment.

VII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:50 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VIII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:51 a.m.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Graduation Rate Calculation

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Joseph Martineau, Interim Director, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability
- Dr. Meg Ropp, Director, Center for Educational Performance and Information

Staff from the Center for Educational Performance and Information and the Michigan Department of Education reviewed the new four-year cohort graduation rate and its calculation. The graduation rates for the class of 2007 marked the first time Michigan used a four-year cohort graduation rate.

There was a PowerPoint presentation shown.

Board member comments and *clarifications* included:

1. is it difficult to track students who transfer out of Michigan or into private, parochial or home schools; if they cannot be tracked, are they considered drop outs – *a parent often requests the transfer of student records to a new school; sometimes districts make follow up calls; if a student is reported as unknown, they are counted as a drop out;*
2. are all of the 17 states participating in the National Governors Association Graduation Counts Compact using consistent reporting categories – *the same core principles of first time ninth graders, and four year graduates are used by all 17 states; Michigan also collects categorical information through the Unique Identification Code that is shared with districts to track students and assist in decision making;*
3. although five year graduates are not counted in Adequate Yearly Progress, it is important to educate the community about the number of students who graduate in five years; graduation is the goal and the number of years that it takes to graduate can vary with each student;
4. the educational records of children in foster care sometimes do not immediately transfer with the student – *data are collected three times per year and data will be updated;*
5. are data gathered regarding the reasons students drop out of school – *Data for Student Success shares electronic data and there are other pilot projects being developed to share electronic data;*
6. are data shared among states – *yes FERPA has some exceptions allowing electronic sharing of data in cases of emergency; Michigan is going to be one of the first states to use the newly developed United States Department of Education Migrant Student Information Exchange program;*

7. how do we track expelled or home schooled students – *if a student is expelled the reason for expulsion is listed in the Single Record Student Database; home school data are not collected; the tracking system may extend to postsecondary education in the future;*
8. there is a public misconception that because of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) diplomas cannot be granted to students who complete high school in more than four years; how can we more clearly inform the public regarding the differentiation between a Michigan diploma and the recognized AYP graduation rate – *there is a subcommittee with the alternative schools that could help form the message and organizations could also help inform the public;*
9. if there are 17 states participating in the National Governors Association (NGA) Graduation Counts Compact, what are the remainder of the states doing – *Michigan is in the early stages because we had five years of data in the Single Record Student Database; Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said all states are to be moving toward the NGA methodology;*
10. are drop out data collected for kindergarten through eighth grade students; there is concern that students are being “pushed out” in middle school – *yes; and*
11. students are leaving school at age 16 or earlier; what is the status of tracking students and helping them return to school – *we should share best practices and success stories and the resources used for bringing students back to school who have dropped out of school; this could be presented at a future Board meeting.*

B. Presentation on Data for Student Success

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Mr. Bruce Umpstead, Director, Educational Technology and Data Coordination
- Dr. Meg Ropp, Director, Center for Educational Performance and Information
- Ms. Mary Gerhig, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Calhoun County Intermediate School District
- Ms. Cynthia Vujea, Superintendent, Delton Kellogg Schools

Data for Student Success is a cooperative initiative with the Center for Educational Performance and Information and the field that meets a goal of Michigan's Educational Technology Plan for data driven decisions. The project extends the State's longitudinal data system to Michigan's K-12 classrooms.

There was a PowerPoint presentation shown.

Board member comments and *clarifications* included:

1. impressive and encouraging to see how a district has analyzed data and used it to effect a very positive change;
2. teachers need curriculum guidance and teaching materials aligned to the standards; we need to provide support and use good data;
3. teachers manually compile and analyze data; this electronic system is a great improvement; we are accomplishing the goal of achievement through data driven decision making;
4. having accessible data are necessary for differentiated instruction to meet the needs of individual students;
5. how soon will teachers be able to access information – *after scoring is completed it will take two weeks to load the data; this system will provide longitudinal data to track students individually; data are ever present not just provided at specific times;*
6. having scheduled time to talk with colleagues is extremely important; and
7. having the courage to change the way the work is done through data driven decisions and differentiated instruction is extremely important to the entire educational process.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

C. Presentation on the Michigan Mathematics Program Improvement Initiative

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Mr. Chuck Allan, Co-Director, Michigan Mathematics Program Improvement Initiative

The State Improvement Grant from the Office of Special Education Programs at the United States Department of Education has supported the design and implementation of this initiative. It is focused on improved math achievement for all students with a focus on students with disabilities.

There was a PowerPoint presentation shown.

Board member comments and *clarifications* included:

1. teachers have said that there are too many Grade Level Content Expectations – *state expectations are well-crafted assessment statements not meant to be instructional statements; instructional topics are used to cluster expectations; work needs to be focused;*
2. need a common language for focus and assessment; there needs to be an educational process to help people understand that you don't teach each one individually – *analysis of data will direct where the focus needs to be;*
3. can sequence variations of Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II occur – *variations of sequence can occur;*
4. can Algebra be effectively taught in the eighth grade – *since the number concept is a foundation of Algebra, if it is well-developed, Algebra will flow; and*
5. how is this being implemented in teacher preparation programs – *Siena Heights University is using this program to prepare teachers; perhaps other institutions should be coached to do so.*

X. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:15 p.m., and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. John Stewart, Plymouth, Michigan. Mr. Stewart, provided verbal and written information on the "Bridge" and "Journey" Programs, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.
- B. Mr. Rick McCoy, Canton, Michigan. Mr. McCoy, Director of "Bridge" and "Journey" Programs, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, provided verbal and written information on the "Bridge" and "Journey" Programs.
- C. Dr. Paul Kuwik, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Dr. Kuwik, Director of Centers, Institutes and New Initiatives, Eastern Michigan University, provided oral and written information on Project Lead the Way.
- D. Ms. Brooke Ballee, Belleville, Michigan. Ms. Ballee, Secondary Education and Technology Supervisor, Van Buren Public Schools, provided verbal comments on Project Lead the Way.
- E. Dr. Charles Little, Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Little, Executive Director of Indiana Urban Schools, and Clinical Professor of Education at Indiana University, provided verbal and written comments on Project Lead the Way.

XII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. ELIZABETH BAUER

Mrs. Bauer said her son is a Project Lead the Way teacher in Colorado. She said he was trained in Texas and Intel paid his tuition. She asked how training is funded in Michigan and Indiana.

Dr. Kuwik said there are scholarships funded through many different sources that cover the cost of tuition, room, and board. He said they are in the process of working with private industry to get support for implementation.

Dr. Little said Indiana school districts pay for tuition, room, and board. He said foundations contribute to grant funding for each program to receive approximately \$25,000 in start up funding to purchase equipment.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING (continued)

- F. Mr. Ryan Donlan, Bay City, Michigan. Mr. Donlan, representing Bay-Arenac Community High School, provided verbal comments on the four-year cohort for graduation rate calculation.

- G. Mr. Robert Essenberg, Lake Orion, Michigan. Mr. Essenberg, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided verbal comments on the Camp Tuhsmeheeta lease renewal.
- H. Ms. Sharon Burton, Lansing, Michigan. Ms. Burton, Executive Director of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided verbal and written comments on programs at Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- I. Ms. Mary Wood, Warren, Michigan. Ms. Wood provided verbal and written comments on Charter School oversight.
- J. Ms. Ann Turner, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Turner provided verbal comments on Green Dot Public Schools as an option in Detroit.
- K. Ms. Ann Crowley, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Ms. Crowley, representing Detroit Children First, provided verbal comments on Green Dot Schools and Detroit Public Schools.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 2:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

D. Update on State Budget

The following individuals presented:

- Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. Rick Floria, Director, Office of Financial Management
- Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law

An overview of the 2008-09 fiscal year budgets was provided. Highlights of the Department of Education budget and the State School Aid budget were presented.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. why does the Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind have an increase; are more children being diagnosed – *the increase is based on the school's request for more FTEs because they have more students due to increased programming; enrollment has leveled off this year likely*

because of families leaving the state of Michigan due to the economy; there is a 7 to 1 student teacher ratio for hearing impaired classrooms; there are also several classrooms for children with severe multiple impairments who are also deaf; there is also an on-site program for students with severe behavioral challenges which is a 2 to 1 staffing ratio;

2. *in the Constitution, the State Board of Education is given the charge to tell the Legislature what it would cost to fully fund education; how does this effect the way budgets are proposed – this is related to the Board's goal of re-imagining the educational system; the Board could advocate for the cost of a re-imagined system; and*
3. *a re-imagined system could affect the organization of the Department of Education, and budgetary issues; have we reached that point, or are we still trying to re-imagine the system – we are re-imagining the system; some changes will occur gradually; the Michigan economy likely will have an effect; and*
4. *are there data available on the number of half-day kindergarten programs in Michigan – data are not currently available, but it will be available in the future; it is anticipated that the majority of local school districts do not have full day kindergarten.*

E. Discussion Regarding Criteria for Grant Programs

Ms. Ulbrich asked why the Criteria for the 21st Century Schools Grant stipulate "a maximum of 110 pupils in each grade (9-12) and an average 75 students per grade." Mr. Flanagan said the numbers were statutory. Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer, said the numbers are in line with smaller learning communities grants and research.

Mr. Flanagan asked Dr. Vaughn to explain the three criteria that are not statutory. She said private matching funds equal to the amount of the grant request are required, and foundations insisted on a criterion to "include a statement of commitment to site-based management."

Dr. Vaughn said foundations also wanted the criteria to include "Identify an intermediary/school developer partner." In answer to Mrs. Straus, Dr. Vaughn explained that an intermediary is a group that has a record of assisting school districts with a reform process and redesign.

Mr. Turner said intermediaries that have met approved criteria and have successfully contributed to student achievement are important for accountability. Dr. Vaughn said this will be a negotiated grant process that will take these factors into account.

Mrs. Danhof asked if small schools will be "schools within a school" or separate buildings. Mr. Flanagan said "schools within a school" qualify as small schools.

In response to Mrs. Straus, Dr. Vaughn said the number of grants to public school academies is limited to one third.

Mrs. Danhof said she is concerned that there will be confusion between this grant program and the federal 21st Century Grant program. She said there needs to be clear communication with the field.

Mrs. Straus said she was in New Haven and she was impressed with the programs that have been funded by the United Way for Southeast Michigan, which is chaired by Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner said Michael J. Brennan, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way for Southeast Michigan, is a very effective leader who has been collaborating with others to create long-term impact.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XVII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of September 9, 2008

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of September 9, 2008.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus,
Turner, Ulbrich
Absent: Austin**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Curtin left the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

XVIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Chinese American Relations

Mrs. Straus said that on September 10 she and Mrs. Bauer attended a meeting in Macomb County with the Education Consul and Vice Consul of the Republic of China based in Chicago. She said there were representatives of Utica Community Schools, Armada Area Schools, Mt. Clemens Community Schools, Warren Consolidated Schools, Macomb County Board of Commissioners, organizations, and members of the Chinese American community. She said the meeting focused on cultural understandings, economic development, and language instruction in both countries. She said there was a very good presentation by an outstanding eighth grade Chinese American student regarding what he has learned in school. She said it was a productive meeting leading to more exchange between both cultures.

B. Special Education Advisory Committee Retreat

Mrs. Straus said she and Mr. Flanagan spoke at the Special Education Advisory Committee Retreat on September 15. She said it is an annual retreat to provide orientation to new members.

C. Utica Schools Visit

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Bauer visited Utica Community Schools on September 19. She said Utica, Mt. Clemens Community Schools and Armada Area Schools submitted a proposal to the United States Department of Education and received a grant to bring Chinese people to the United States to teach Chinese. She said they saw this program at Heritage Junior High School and they also visited the Center for Science and Industry. She said enthusiasm was evident in the programs that were designed with teacher input with the goal of raising student achievement. She said Ms. Christine Cohen, from the United States Department of Education Regional Office in Chicago visited the district that day.

D. Audit Report from Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind

Mrs. Straus said the Department received an audit report from Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind which is being reviewed by staff.

XIX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Human Resources Update

H. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers

I. Report on Property Transfer Decisions

J. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Monroe Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

K. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorship

KK. Report on the Dissolution of the White Pine School District

Grants

L. 2008-2009 Title II, Part D: Enhancing Education Through Technology – Continuation

M. 2007-2008 Mandated Activities Projects Interagency Contracts, Part B & Part C – Amendment

N. 2008-2009 Great Parents, Great Start Grant Program – Continuation

O. 2007-2008 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Amendment

P. 2008-2009 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Initial (\$3,125,000)

Q. 2008-2009 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Initial (\$16,448,000)

R. 2008-2009 IDEA, Part B Formula Grants – Initial

S. 2008-2009 Title I Schoolwide Program Planning Grant – Initial

- T. 2008-2009 Title I Technical Assistance Grant – Continuation
- U. 2007-2008 Section 57 Advanced and Accelerated Summer Institutes – Initial
- V. 2008-2009 Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Grant Program (Title II (B)) – Amendment
- W. 2009-2010 Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Grant Program (Title II (B)) – Initial
- X. 2008-2009 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Continuation
- Y. 2008-2009 Middle College High School Health Partnership Grant – Continuation
- Z. 2008-2009 Pre-College Engineering Program Grants – Continuation (\$680,100)
- AA. 2008-2009 Pre-College Engineering Program Grants – Continuation (\$75,000)
- GG. 2007-2009 Michigan After-School Partnership Grant – Initial
- HH. 2008-2009 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant – Initial
- II. 2008-2009 Title VI, Part B, Rural and Low Income School Program – Initial
- JJ. 2008-2009 Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, Neglected and Delinquent Program for State Agencies – Initial

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on:

- A. Houghton Lake School Visit

Mr. Flanagan said he visited the Houghton Lake Public Schools on October 9. He said there are great things happening in the district, which he observed while visiting the elementary, middle and high schools, and alternative education program. He said he spoke with faculty and board members and was impressed with their commitment to living within their budget, making hard decisions, and creating innovative partnerships with the community. He said an example is that student mechanics work on tractors, snowmobiles, and other machines from the community. He said he is impressed by the commitment to early intervention for struggling students by using intervention teams and on-site school social workers.

B. Public School Academy Authorizers

Mr. Flanagan said staff has checked with the Attorney General's office and neither Central Michigan University nor Bay Mills Community College has contacted the Attorney General's Office in writing. Mr. Flanagan said he would leave it to the university and community college boards to speak on their own behalf.

C. Detroit Public Schools

Mr. Flanagan said that on September 17 he notified the Governor that Detroit Public Schools has a serious financial problem, and last week the Governor appointed the Review Team. He said in accordance with Public Act 72, the Review Team is comprised of the State Superintendent, the State Treasurer, the Director of the Department of Management and Budget, and nominees of the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Flanagan said Mr. Robert Kleine, State Treasurer, has become the informal Chair of the Review Team and his staff has worked with Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law, to set up a series of interviews in Detroit as determined by the Review Team. Mr. Flanagan said the Review Team will meet on October 15.

Mr. Flanagan said the Review Team has 30 days, until November 5, to provide its findings to the Governor and him. He said at that point, he has 30 days to determine if a Financial Manager should be appointed.

Mr. Flanagan said the Review Team must include one of the following conclusions in its report: (1) the school district does not have a serious financial problem, (2) the school district does have a serious financial problem, but a consent agreement containing a plan to resolve the problem has been adopted, or (3) the school district has a financial emergency because a consent agreement containing a plan to resolve a serious financial problem within the school district has not been adopted.

Mrs. Straus asked if a consent agreement would have to be agreed to by November 5. Mr. Flanagan said the statute provides for a 60-day extension that could be used if all parties were ready to concur on a consent agreement.

Mr. Turner said the process has been very deliberate and cooperative, and Michigan Department of Education staff members have been working with Detroit for several months on

a plan. He said it could be that a consent agreement builds on the existing deficit elimination plan. He said Detroit Public Schools Superintendent Connie Calloway and Board President Carla Scott have said they welcome assistance to refine and implement the agreement.

Mrs. McGuire asked what would dictate whether or not a Financial Manager is appointed. Mr. Flanagan said it would be his decision, and if necessary he would submit three names to the Governor who would appoint a Financial Manager. Mr. Flanagan said the Review Team is an advisory board, and he is deliberately distancing himself, because the Review Team will submit its report to him.

Mrs. McGuire asked what power the Financial Manager would have. Mr. Flanagan said the local Board and Superintendent would still maintain all educational powers, and the Financial Manager would assume all financial duties and powers. Mr. Flanagan said if a Financial Manager was appointed, the Board would have a period of time to appeal. He said the process is requiring a tremendous amount of staff time.

Mrs. Straus asked who pays for a Financial Manager. Mr. Flanagan said the district does.

XX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-2009 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided a verbal report as an update to her written report.

Mrs. Haberling said her students are taking the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test on October 14. She said the eighth grade Advanced English students saw a performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream, and the seventh grade students are working on large essay projects of personal narratives.

Mrs. Haberling said she has been invited to work with the Frederick Meijer Gardens to bring more literacy into exhibits and attract more middle school students. She said she will visit the Gardens with her seventh grade students. She thanked Michigan Educational Employees Mutual Insurance Company (MEEMIC) for the use of a car during her tenure as the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

XXI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT POLICY, GIFT FUND PROCEDURES FOR THE MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND, GIFT FUND SPENDING POLICY FOR THE MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND, AND TRUST FUND SPENDING POLICY FOR THE MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Mrs. Straus said the State Board of Education's Trust Fund Committee and Department staff have been reviewing and revising the Board's Gift Fund and Trust Fund Policies and Procedures for the Michigan School for the Blind and Michigan School for the Deaf. She said the documents provide direction on the use and expenditure of funds donated to the Schools for the Deaf and Blind. She said the Trust Fund Committee has approved the documents and now recommends that the entire Board review and approve the documents.

Mrs. Bauer asked if Bank One/Chase (NBD) or J.P. Morgan/Chase Fund is the correct title, since both are used in the documents. Mr. Rick Floria, Director, Financial Management, said he will determine the correct title and documents will be modified accordingly.

Subsequently, Mr. Floria received clarification that the bank should be referenced as JPMorgan Chase, N.A.; and the Trust Fund Management Policy (Attachment B), under Fixed Income, should be referenced as Lehman Intermediate Government Credit Index.

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education (1) Trust Fund Management Policy, (2) Gift Fund Procedures for the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, (3) Gift Fund Spending Policy for the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and (4) Trust Fund Spending Policy for the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, as attached to the President's memorandum dated September 29, 2008, as modified.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Turner, Ulbrich
Absent: Austin, Curtin

The motion carried.

XXII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Roberta Stanley, Legislative Co-Director, presented Legislative Update.

Ms. Stanley provided an update on Agriculture bills to promote greater use of Michigan products in school feeding programs; proposed legislation regarding clarifications to the Michigan Merit Curriculum and high school

graduation requirements; Detroit's First Class status; and House Bills 6412 and 6413, companion bills to the budget.

Ms. Stanley said the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National Governors Association, and Achieve, Inc., announced they are collaborating to assist states in benchmarking their K-12 education systems to those of top-performing nations. She also said education organizations are seeking a moratorium on Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind regulations.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

DD. Approval of Criteria for 21st Century Schools Grant

Resolutions

EE. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month

FF. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Bernard "Bernie" H. Travnikar

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda, as follows:

DD. approve the Criteria for the 21st Century Schools Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 29, 2008;

EE. adopt the resolution regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 29, 2008; and

FF. adopt the resolution honoring Bernard "Bernie" H. Travnikar, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 7, 2008.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Turner, Ulbrich

Absent: Austin, Curtin

The motion carried.

The resolution regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring Bernard "Bernie" H. Travnikar is attached as Exhibit B.

XXIV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. School to Prison Pipeline Training – Mrs. Bauer

Mrs. Bauer said she attended the School to Prison Pipeline training on September 18. She said the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc., sponsored the training. She said it focused on how excluding children from school can lead to incarceration. She said she has extra conference materials to share with Board members.

XXV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mrs. Straus, Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Curtin with suggestions for future agenda topics.

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. November 12, 2008
- B. December 9, 2008
- C. January 13, 2009
- D. February 10, 2009

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin